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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 0181

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

REFS: A) MADRID 936, B) MADRID 986, C) ALGIERS 0474 (NOTAL)

1. GIRM FONMIN ISSUED COMMUNIQUE MARCH 7 REJECTING " INTENTION OF SPANISH GOVT. TO ORGANIZE REFERENDUM IN SAHARA WITH VIEW TO GRANT-ING INTERNAL AUTONOMY TO CONCERNED POPULATIONS." CONTINUED THAT GIRM FEELS THIS METHOD DOES NOT CONFORM TO PERTINENT U. N. RESOLUTIONS WHICH " INVITE ADMINISTERING POWER TO DETERMINE IN CONSULTATION WITH GIRM, GOM AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES MODALITIES ORGANIZATION OF REFERENDUM UNDER U. N. AUSPICES..." FONMIN HAS INVITED MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN FONMINS TO MEET IN NOUAKCHOTT ASAP TO FORMULAATE COMMON POSITION AGAINST GOS.
2. COMMUNIQUE STATED GIRM " OFFICIALLY APPRISED OF GOS INTENTION". HOWEVER, SPANISH CHARGE PROFESSES TOTAL IGNORANCE ANY GOS DEMARCHE TO GIRM RE THIS MATTER. FOR MOMENT, WE ASSUMING FONMIN COMMUNIQUE REFERS TO FEBRUARY 21 PETITION BY SAHARAN POPLES
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY (REFTELS A AND B). IN LIGHT DISCLAIMER BY CHARGE, BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR (WHO ARRIVED

LAST NIGHT) MAY BE CARRYING OFFICIAL DEMARCHE FROM MADRID SIMILAR TO ONE REPORTED REFTEL C.

3. COMMENT: BY TIMING COMMUNIQUE COINCIDE ARRIVAL NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR, GIRM HOPES SIGNAL TO GOS HARDENING ITS POSITION SPANISH SAHARA ISSUE, WHILE LEAVING OPEN QUESTION ITS CLAIMS SAHARA TERRITORY PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS. AT SAME TIME, NOUAKCHOTT DESIRES CLOSE RANKS WITH ALGIERS AND RABAT IN OPPOSITION TO PERCEIVED SPANISH INTENTIONS CIRCUMVENT U. N. AND NOUADHIBOU RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR CONSULTATION ON SAHARAN FUTURE WITH GIRM, GOM, ETC. AT ANY RATE, TIMING OF GIRM DEMARCHE INDICATES ROUGH SAILING AHEAD FOR NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR. GDS.
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